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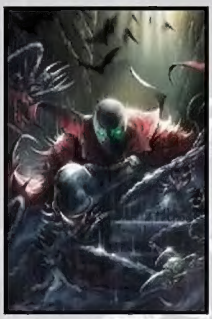

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Sinn faces the consequences of Malebolgia's resurrection as Spawn prepares for their battle.

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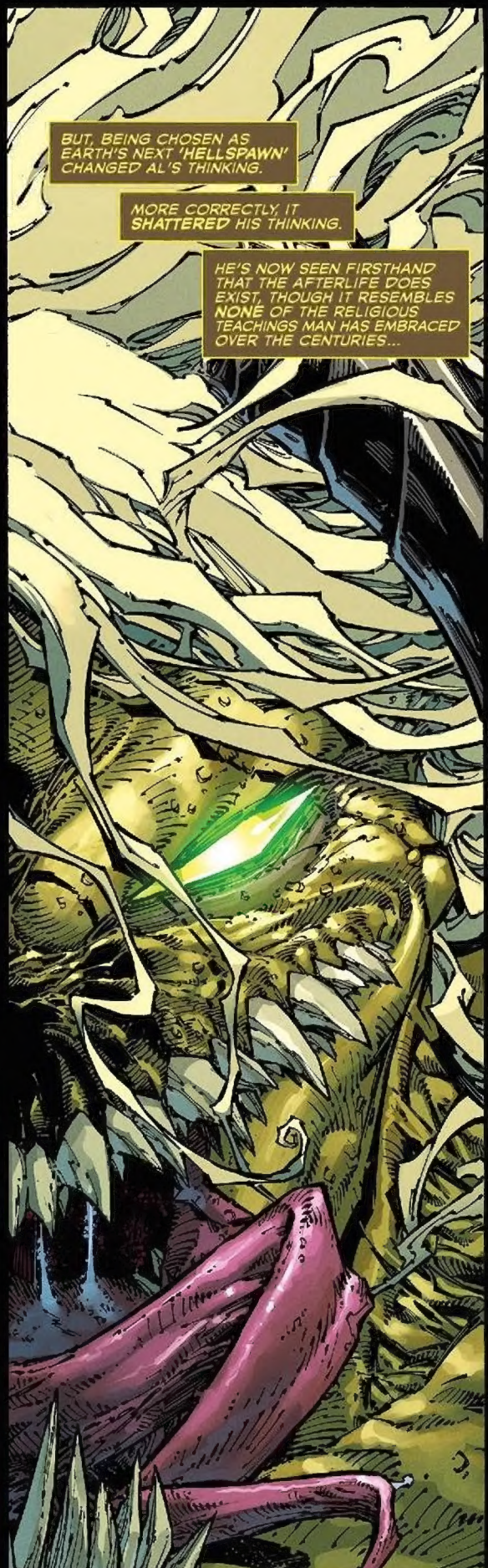
BEFORE HIS TRANSFORMATION, BEFORE HIS DEATH, AL SIMMONS DIDN'T BELIEVE IN THE AFTERLIFE, NOR THE EXISTENCE OF ANY GODS.
THOSE WERE CONCEPTS, HE BELIEVED, THAT ONLY MENTALLY WEAK PEOPLE HELD ONTO.
OR THOSE SO IMPOVERISHED THAT THEY NEEDED SOMETHING MORE HOPEFUL TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN THEY DIED.


BUT, BEING CHOSEN AS EARTH'S NEXT 'HELLSPAWN' CHANGED AL'S THINKING.
MORE CORRECTLY, IT SHATTERED HIS THINKING.
HE'S NOW SEEN FIRSTHAND THAT THE AFTERLIFE DOES EXIST, THOUGH IT RESEMBLES NONE OF THE RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS MAN HAS EMBRACED OVER THE CENTURIES...

...INSTEAD IT IS SOME BASTARDIZED VERSION OF WHAT BEING "HOLY" WAS SUPPOSED TO BE.
WHERE KILLING BY THOSE GOD'S...
...IS MERELY A MEANS TO AN END.
WHERE THE SAYING "GOD SAVE US ALL" IS A COMPLETE LIE.
WHERE AL SIMMONS, LONG AGO, THOUGHT HE DESTROYED HIS OWN MAKER.*
AND WHERE THE MAKER, NOW RESURRECTED, MUST ENDURE THE ARROGANCE OF ITS OWN PRODIGAL SON.
YOU DON'T LEAVE HERE ALIVE.

THEY SIZE EACH OTHER UP, BOTH KNOWING THEY ARE NOT AT FULL STRENGTH.
•Way back in SPAWN #100—Thomas

So, Simmons, we meet again...
WHAT STRIKES SPAWN THE MOST IS MALEBOLGIA'S DIMINISHED SIZE.
HE WONDERS, IS THIS A TACTIC TO MAKE HIM THINK THIS THREAT HE FACES IS LESS OF A DANGER?
IF IT IS, HE ISN'T TAKING THE BAIT!
I SWEAR YOU WON'T HURT ANOTHER HUMAN BEING!
FOR COGLIOSTRO, WAITING IN THE WINGS, HIS HEART RACES AS HIS AMBITIONS OF RULING EARTH HIMSELF GET EVER CLOSER. ALL HE NEEDS IS FOR MALEBOLGIA TO STEAL A FRACTION OF SPAWN'S POWERS.
THEN COGLIOSTRO, NOW CALLED SINN, WILL MAKE HIS FINAL MOVE.

You've forgotten, Spawn, you DON'T give the orders. I do.
Though I sense a change since our last encounter. You're DIFFERENT. I like it.
You're closer to what you should have always been--my GREATEST weapon!
I'm glad you've embraced your destiny.
YOU'RE WRONG! I KNOW THE RULES NOW. YOU DON'T CONTROL THE F*CKIN' GAME ANYMORE.
Listen to yourself...

...this is why I made you. For moments like THIS. We need to seize this opportunity.
I SAID... I MAKE THE RULES!
I'm sure you believe that...
...but YOU'RE WRONG!
KRKT
Try to get up.
You'll find that you can't.

Because you don't wield any power.
Your symbiote does.
And it's ALWAYS been loyal to me.
You're nothing but a valuable vassal.
But the combination of you and your symbiote is what makes you special. Don't EVER think you're better than it.

If you do...
...remember, I can return you back to exactly the way I FOUND you the day you died! "NAKED CAN YOU RETURN. FOR YOUR LORD CAN GIVE, AND YOUR LORD CAN TAKE AWAY."
You should have learned that in Sunday school.
Now beg for your life.

STOP!! JUST TAKE WHAT YOU NEED!
THE SEQUENCE COGLIOSTRO PLANNED IS BEING RUINED!
You think I don't know how this works? I made you Hellspawns.
AND I MADE THE SYMBIOTE. IT CAN'T LIVE LONG WITHOUT A HOST.
I was just having fun with my killer. No need to get dramatic, Cog.
HELL'S LEADER BEGINS TO RETURN THE SYMBIOTE TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER.
I just want my throne back-- with Simmons' help.

Though I've yet to see your magnificent cape. I'm quite proud of that addition I GAVE you.
YOU WANT TO SEE MY WINGS?
HERE THEY ARE!
NO.
Tell me you haven't FALLEN to the vampires!

FALLEN?
YOUR F*CKING COSTUME WAS LACED WITH THEIR BLOOD. YOU KNEW THAT!
ACTUALLY, HE DIDN'T. BUT SPAWN REACTS BEFORE NOTICING MALEBOLGIA'S SURPRISE.
WHEN HE SEES BLOOD OOZING FROM HIS CHEST, THE DEMON-LORD IS DEALT A SECOND SURPRISE.
HE'S BEEN ON EARTH TOO LONG; SOON HE'LL NEED TO LEAVE.
IF HE CAN...!
BLUDD'S ATTACK IS VICIOUS. PRIMAL.
HIS KIND HAS BEEN HUNTED FOR CENTURIES BY HEAVEN AND HELL. BUT NOW, HE'S GOT SUPPORT.

BUT THE ONE WHO STANDS TO BENEFIT MOST FROM THIS TWISTED CONFLICT WON'T STAND IDLY BY.
You vampires were NEVER worthy! It's why you hide during the day...
You're COWARDS!
SPAWN HAS HAD ENOUGH, AS HE UNLEASHES HIS CHAINS.
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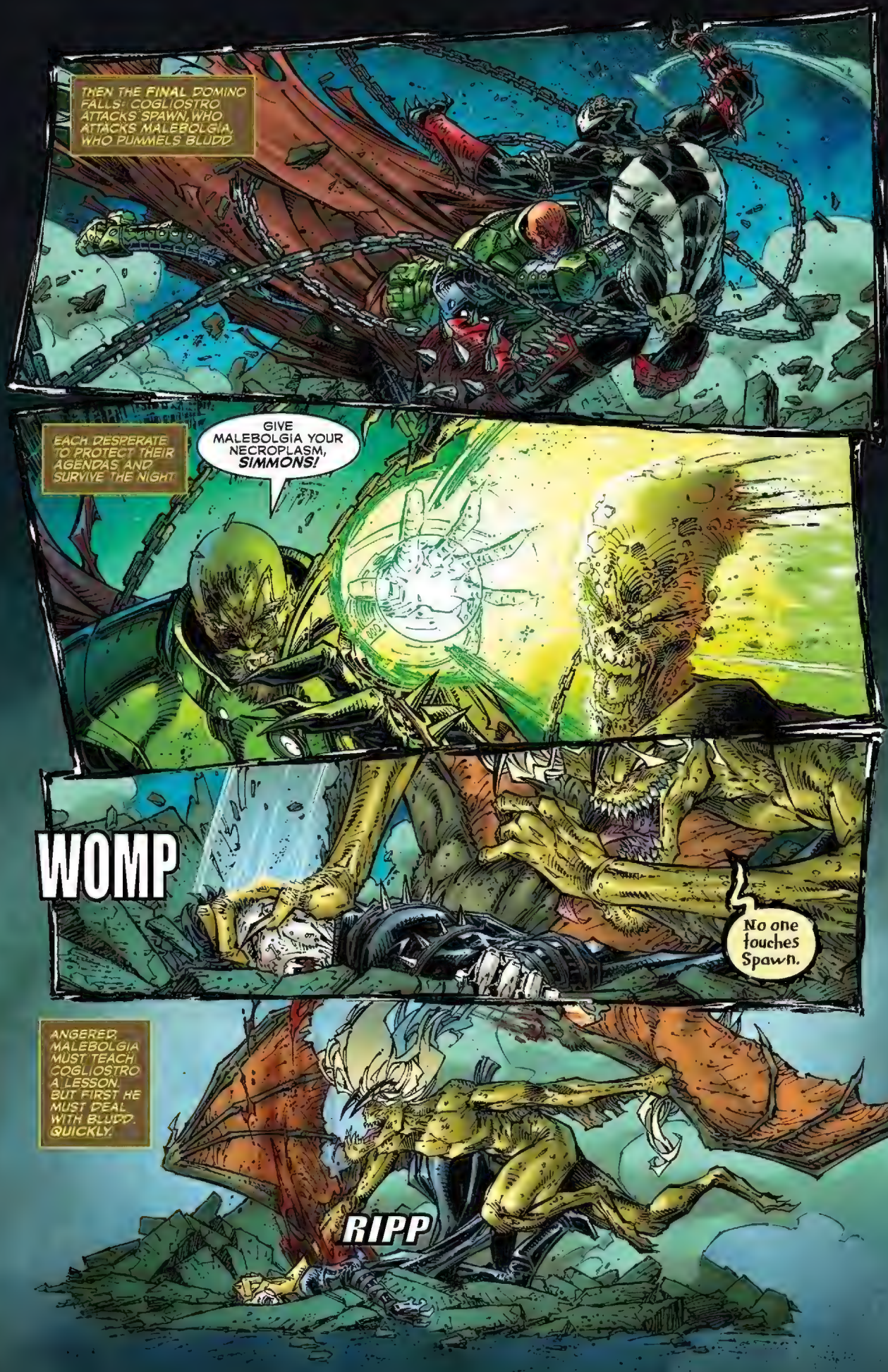
THEN THE FINAL DOMINO FALLS: COGLIOSTRO ATTACKS SPAWN, WHO ATTACKS MALEBOLGIA, WHO PUMMELS BLUDD.
EACH DESPERATE TO PROTECT THEIR AGENDAS AND SURVIVE THE NIGHT.
GIVE MALEBOLGIA YOUR NECROPLASM, SIMMONS!
WOMP
No one touches Spawn.
ANGERED, MALEBOLGIA MUST TEACH COGLIOSTRO A LESSON. BUT FIRST HE MUST DEAL WITH BLUDD. QUICKLY.
RIPP

DOWN TO JUST A SINGLE WING, MALEBOLGIA TOSSES BLUDD ASIDE LIKE A PIECE OF GARBAGE. NOW HE CAN FOCUS...
You DARE touch my PRODIGAL SON!?
ZKKKKK
SIMMONS!
You hurt?

ARE YOU INSANE?!
YOU'LL NEVER RETURN TO YOUR TRUE SIZE IF YOU DON'T KILL SPAWN NOW, AND TAKE HIS POWER!
He'll die when I want him to, NOT when I'm told. That's not today.
He was willing to kill me again. To cross a line you never tried. THAT'S what makes him DIFFERENT from the rest of you Hellspawns, he wants to survive more than any of you... so badly, he's willing to kill his maker... twice! That's why I chose him. That's his GREATNESS!
UNABLE TO HEAR FROM THE RINGING IN HIS EARS, BLUDD STRUGGLES TO STAND.
This can all end right now, Simmons. Lend me a PIECE of your power and you can leave.
NEVER.

THEN YOUR FRIEND IS A F*CKING DEAD MAN!
KILL HIM. HE'S NO FRIEND.
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I SAID GIVE HIM WHAT HE WANTS!...

...OR I'LL KILL GRANNY BLAKE, TOO.
SILENCE FALLS
Hellspawns don't threaten old people. It's beneath you, beneath any Hellspawn. You crave something?.. use power, not threats. It's why you've failed, Cogliostro!
You were TOO flawed.
THEN WHY CHOOSE ME? IF I'M NOT WORTHY THAT'S *YOUR* MISTAKE, NOT MINE!
Let me ask: why do you want me to have Spawn's powers so badly?

SO YOU CAN THRIVE ONCE MORE.
DON'T lie to me. You want me to take his energy so you can take it from me, isn't that right?
And don't say you WOULDN'T do that.
COVERED IN CRIMSON BLOOD, THE VAMPIRE KING BUCKLES MALEBOLGIA'S SPINE LIKE SOME RAG DOLL, SNAPPING SINEW AND CARTILAGE WITH A GROTESQUE SOUND!
SPAWN THEN INSTANTLY DOES WHAT HE NEEDS TO, BRUTALLY TAKING OUT COGLIOSTRO.

BUT LIKE ANY LEGENDARY HEAVY-WEIGHT MATCH, TABLES TURN...
THE WINNER ALWAYS IN QUESTION.
UNTIL ONE OF THEM MAKES CLEAR THEIR SUPERIORITY.
AND TO EVERYONE'S SHOCK, HELL'S FORMER MASTER BEGINS TO GROW! BUT HOW?! HE NEVER ABSORBED ANY OF SPAWN'S POWERS, ANY OF HIS NECROPLASM.

BUT SOMETIMES THERE ARE VERY GOOD REASONS...
...WHY SOME BEINGS BECOME KINGS OF THEIR DOMAINS
...AND WHY SOME, REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY ENEMIES THEY MAY HAVE, WILL NEVER, EVER BE DEFEATED!

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NEED MORE SPAWN'S UNIVERSE?

DON'T MISS THESE ONGOING TITLES!

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